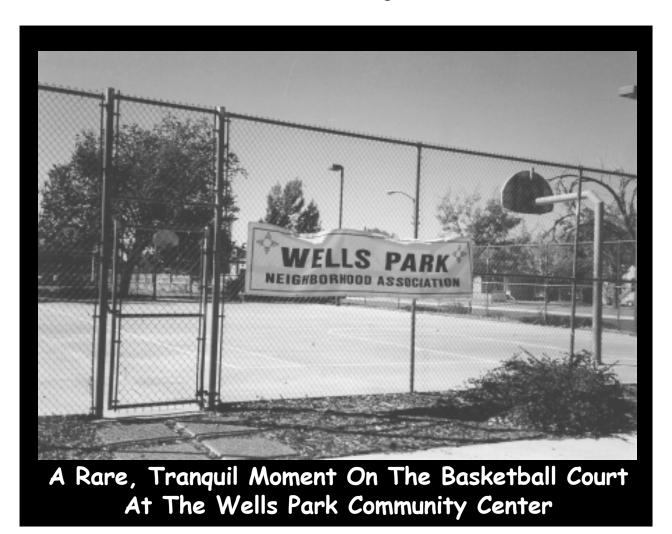
## Welcome To Wells Park!

February/March 2004

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#### NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS/NEW OFFICERS

The Office of Neighborhood Coordination "welcomes" new presidents of neighborhood associations and says a "special thank you" to outgoing presidents. Thank you for all your hard work and commitment to the improvement of the life-style of your neighborhood.

Neighborhood	"Welcome" to	"Thanks" to	
<u>Association</u>	<b>Incoming President</b>	<b>Outgoing President</b>	
Albuquerque Meadows	Gerald Smith	Ron Granger	
La Luz Del Sol	Steven Kells	Betty Stetson	
LaLuz	Rae Perls	Bennett King	
Mesa Village	Kathryn Bretz	Nancy Dodge	

Raynolds Addition Neighborhood Association regained their "recognized" status on January 20, 2004. Southeast Heights Neighborhood Association regained their "recognized" status on January 22, 2004. Mesa Village Neighborhood Association regained their "recognized" status on February 17, 2004. West Mesa Neighborhood Association regained their "recognized" status on February 17, 2004.

#### NEW NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

The Bosque Dell Acres Neighborhood Association is located in County Commission District 1 and Community Identity Area – Westside. The contacts for this association are Bill Baker and Kim Johnson. Welcome Aboard!!

**Just a Reminder:** We need the **original** Annual Report and a **copy** of the announcement of your Annual Meeting submitted to our office *before* your Annual Report can be approved for this year.

#### Annual Reports for the following months are due:

December Annual Reports are due:

January Annual Reports are due:

April 1, 2004

February Annual Reports are due:

May 1, 2004

Please call Stephani at 924-3902 if you need another Annual Report Form

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#### A Message From The Mayor

Martin J. Chavez, Mayor

#### Meth Labs Plague City

Methamphetamine (meth) use plagues our streets, stresses our criminal justice and health systems and tears families apart. The phenomenon of highly mobile, rogue laboratories puts our neighborhoods and children at dire risk.

While the Albuquerque Police Department (APD) and other agencies have been fighting this scourge vigorously for some time, this is not a war we are ever going to win without a full-fledged partnership in the community. There are two fronts in particular where everyone needs to help.

The first is in helping to identify labs. According to the experts, those who produce this drug in toxic and highly explosion-prone makeshift labs are a paranoid, secretive and potentially violent bunch. They are liable to come and go at odd hours, and may install elaborate security measures around their labs.

The ingredients involved include ephedrine or pseudoephedrine, Drano and lithium. The first chemicals are found in medicines for the common cold. Common batteries are often used as a source for the lithium. There may also be a strong odor - a heavily chemical, toxic, burning smell - in the immediate vicinity of an active lab. Someone directly exposed to a lab may experience respiratory and eye irritation, headache, dizziness, nausea and shortness of breath.

If any portion of this sounds familiar, a call to **242-COPS** (**242-2677**) might be in order.

Also be on the lookout for any friends or family who might have taken up with this particularly vile drug. I know it can be hard to accept, but if there weren't a large pool of users, there wouldn't be these hazardous labs in our midst.

Early warning signs might include sudden

changes in mood and energy level. Later on, addicts will exhibit psychotic or paranoid behavior, be fatigued, or have hallucinations or delusions. They may also look malnourished and will quickly begin losing teeth. While the majority of manufacturers are said to be male, the majority of users who end up in the criminal justice system are female. Users tend to be younger, but at no age does one become immune.

Common local street names for this drug include crank, speed and ice. If this

to further ratchet up our coordinated efforts among agencies and departments to ensure that Albuquerque is the most inhospitable of communities when it comes to Meth.

For the sake of our neighborhoods and our children, this is a war we must fight and win decisively.

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Martin J. Chavez, Mayor



Mayor Chavez Speaks of The "Plague Upon Our City" At A Meth Lab Demolition, That Measured Post-Demolition Air Quality

sound like someone you know, he or she needs serious help in short order.

If the user has children, then a call to the Child Protective Services Division of the state's Children, Youth and Families Department is an urgent must. Kids are, too frequently, the most severely impacted victims of this drug, suffering from seemingly unimaginable forms of abuse and/or neglect. The local number for Child Protective Services is **841-6100**.

In a way, Albuquerque has so far been fortunate in the war against Meth, if only because we got an early and coordinated start among our law enforcement professionals toward aggressive battling of this scourge. It is still a tide we need to do more to turn, and your vigilance in this regard will be critical.

Finally, I want to say to you that not only have we been pro-active on this front in local government, but that we also intend

#### Albuquerque Human Rights Office

# Attention Tenants Housing Discrimination Is Against The Law

If you are a tenant, you may freely choose a place to live without regard to your Race, Color, National Origin, Ancestry, Religion, Sex, Mental or Physical Disability, or Family Status (Families with Children under 18)

If you feel you have been discriminated against, or treated unequally, contact our office to seek advice or to discuss filing a discrimination complaint.

Albuquerque Human Rights Office 600 Second St. NW, Plaza del Sol Building, Fifth Floor, Suite 520 Albuquerque, New Mexico 87102 Voice: (505) 924-3380 NM Relay: 1-800-659-8331

## NEIGHBORHOOD SCOOP

#### **News From And For Neighborhoods**

## ACROSS THE FENCE

#### Welcome To Wells Park

Submitted by Leo Padilla

This is Part 1 of a two-part story about the Vecinos of Wells Park "mending" the Neighborhood.

The Wells Park Neighborhood Association is bounded on the North by I-40 on the South by Mountain Road on the East by the Railroad Tracks and on the West by 12<sup>th</sup> Street. In interviewing four of the long-standing community leaders I found a tremendous pride in where they live. I spoke with the current President of the Neighborhood Association Fred Sais, Past President and Board Member Jessie Sais, Past President and current Vice President Mark Clayburgh, and long standing community member and Fred's father, Sam Sais.

I have very fond memories of this community. Growing up in downtown Albuquerque I remember constant battles on the Wells Park basketball court. Those of us in the Barelas community area called Wells Park basketball players "The Shooter" due to their accuracy in shooting the basketball. They could not be left open for a shot, not even for an instant!

The Wells Park Vision Statement is, "Pull yourself back from the negative and progress with the positive."

Many statements made by Wells Park leaders really make you believe that they hold tight to the vision. Statements like, "It makes you really feel good when you, as a leader, hear positive things from the community and see the fruits of your labor. Because of their revitalization efforts, people are moving *back in* to the community instead of *moving out*. The community is really coming together in support of the neighborhood association. People go out for walks and visit with one another like they used to do "mas antes" (long ago). They sit on the porch and just enjoy a sense of community.

An interesting motto of their's is, "Where you live is what you make it." I asked for an example and they talked about some of their traditions. Their traditions are passed

down from generation to generation - like how to make tortillas and red chile from scratch. Seniors teach and mentor the young in this fine art. The seniors take great pride in doing this and the young really enjoy learning from them. ("you haven't lived until you have tasted fresh homemade tortillas, red chile and beans made from scratch.")

The long-term goals for this community include community and economic development. They figure that if quality businesses are attracted to the area, the families will follow. They work with

City, State and Federal governments to accomplish these goals. They are hoping to have tax incentives in place to help the process along. They have not lost site of their beautification efforts - beautifying the community is first on the list. The neighborhood association recently received a grant to landscape and install new lighting on Mountain Road, including beautification efforts for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> streets. They are also working on improving the housing in the area. There are some beautiful old houses with some needed attention, but

with a little work and money, they will shine.

Speaking of old, this community dates back to the 1700's. I saw a property abstract telling the history of a house and the community. Each lot has some very specific details e.g., past owners, purchase price, when it was purchased, and a lawsuit between the United States and New Mexico. The abstract includes a section dating back to the early 1800's when the Jesuit priests bought the land and used it mostly for farming fruits and vegetables. Later, in the early 1900's, the sawmills were established. These mills provided jobs for the community. The houses and businesses followed. Much of the lumber cut here was used to build downtown including Wells Park. Many

of the houses built in this community were called "shotgun houses." They were called this because the front door is aligned almost perfectly with the back door. When the two doors are open one can see from the front yard to the back yard and visa-versa. During the summer the two doors were left open to produce a cooling breeze - almost like air conditioning.

The community center also has some history. Residents refer to it as their "stomping grounds." I got the feeling that it is considered the heart of this community and they are very proud of it and its' history. In the early days, the 1950's, there was a cement pond in the yard, better known to most long time residents Wells Park as the "swimming

pool" - that's what it became. In the hot summer months, the community kids would gather daily for a cool swim. But before they were allowed to enter the pool, they had to step into a bucket of water mixed with a little bleach. The process was repeated as they got out of the pool. The reason for this was not to punish the kids, but as a precaution in preventing the spread of polio.

Due to the rich history of this downtown neighborhood, Part 2 will appear next month. Stay tuned . . . . .



"Let's Get This Show On The Road"

#### NEIGHBORHOOD SCOOP continued



#### FROM THE MANAGER'S DESK

Herb Howell

#### "ARE YOU BEING SERVED?"

In recent weeks, the Office of Neighborhood Coordination has been asked to provide feedback about the effectiveness of what we do. More importantly we must be able to determine and demonstrate the effectiveness in key areas of our responsibility.

During the next few weeks, we expect to replicate the survey that was sent to the neighborhood associations in the fall of 2000. It is important for the Office of Neighborhood Coordination and the City Planning Department to know how we are doing and how we are being perceived by the community we serve. We expect to ask ten or twelve vital questions about our **operations** and the **services** we provide. We are developing the survey now and expect distribution about the same time as the distribution of this newsletter.

Once the data has been complied, we will compare the results with those of 2001. Then we will identify key areas where we need to improve and develop action plans around those areas to better serve you: *Our Customers*. The results will be published in the *Neighborhood News*. Final copies of the report will be available to neighborhood associations and other government entities.

Please feel free to offer your input where you believe we need improvement and also where you feel we are doing well. It is our intention to serve the community in the best way possible and your input is vital to us achieving that end.



#### News Flashes For Neighborhoods

#### Firefighters Compete To Be The Best

The Albuquerque Fire Deprtment is proud to be a part of a traditional firefighter muster. A muster is an event that has different fire companies competing against each other to be the best of the best.

On **May 15, 2004** at Balloon Fiesta Park firefighters will vie to be the best in such events as a skill's competition and cook-off. Fire Chief Robert Ortega will kick off the muster at noon. The muster will finish up with a calendar search ending at 6 p.m.

The motto of the event is "Have a Swingin' Safe Summer" and will include booths to promote summer safety. It is a family affair with many fun things for the kids including a jumpy tent and tethered balloon rides.

Come join the fun! There is no cost for firefighting teams or to enjoy being a spectator. There will be a small cost for some of the events to raise money for the Albuquerque Firefighter Memorial.

## Albuquerque To Celebrate 300 Years!

The City of Albuquerque will celebrate its 300th anniversary in 2005. Albuquerque is the 23rd city in the United States to reach this milestone. The TriCentennial (TC) is planning for a 13 month schedule of special events that range from historic re-creations to special art exhibits. We want to make Albuquerque a name synonymous with America's great cities.

How does this affect you?? Every neighborhood association has 2 ways to participate. 1) The City will be designing and constructing displays containing 300 gas light candles - temporary displays to be located throughout the City. We are asking your neighborhood association to donate by purchasing a candle display. It would be nice to have 300 candles representing the community neighborhood associations. 2) The City wants each neighborhood association to suggest a special event that will properly reflect the "identity" of their community.

An example of community response is the initiative expressed by the NM Symphony Orchestra. They are in the process of commissioning a symphony with a libretto that reflects our City's history. Their plan is to present the new symphony at the closing ceremonies. Help us make this a community event to remember. Call Millie Santillanes, Co-Chair, Tri-Centennial Committee at **768-3553** for more information..



#### Neighborhood Workshop Corner

Workshops are held in the Plaza Del Sol Building Hearing Room #160, Basement Level, 600 Second St. NW.

#### Land Use and Zoning Workshop Saturday, February 21, 2004

9 a.m. - 4 p.m. (lunch/snacks provided)

This workshop is designed to increase your knowledge and understanding of all the aspects of Zoning and Land Use issues at EPC, DRB and ZHE hearings. We utilize the Planning Department division managers and selected community and board members to provide this informative training.

#### Advanced Neighborhood Association Patrol Training Workshop Saturday, March 13, 2004

9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

#### This workshop will be held at the Roger A. Hoisington APD Training Academy, 5412 Second Street NW (behind the Valley Substation)

"Community policing is a philosophy, which recognizes the mutual dependence and shared responsibility of the police and community in making Albuquerque safer and more livable." Neighborhood Association Patrols are not in and of themselves community policing, but one tool that may be selected by neighborhoods to maintain or improve upon safety in the neighborhood.

#### Neighborhood Association Leadership Academy Workshop Saturday, April 17, 2004

9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

The Leadership Academy is tailored to the participant's three most difficult problems. Hundreds of neighborhood leaders have attended the Leadership Academy over the past several years and have found it an excellent way to "charge their batteries" and give them new tools to work within their own association. The problems will be examined using a number of different learning techniques, such as group activities, guest neighborhood leaders, panel discussions and brainstorming.

#### NEIGHBORHOOD SCOOP continued

#### **Community Policing on the Move**



Submitted by Carl Bartlett

#### Western Community Policing Center

At 9:00 am on December 13, 2003, a Western Community Policing Center New Mexico State Advisory Council (WCPCNMSAC) was formed at a local New Mexico State Police Installation. The meeting was convened and chaired by a ranking member of the New Mexico State Police. During the meeting four police officers and five community members agreed to serve on the NMSAC. The police officers are from the New Mexico State Police, Roswell, and Chaparral, New Mexico. The community members are from Chimayo, Rio Rancho, and Albuquerque (one Albuquerque member is a New Mexico State Senator). At the same time a tentative course of events was established.

The newly formed council discussed 'the several aspects of the Western Community Oriented Policing Center (COPC) organization and the areas that it serves. COPC is a multijurisdiction organization: Hawaii, Oregon, Indian Country Alaska, Utah, Nevada, and New Mexico. A body that has seven voting members governs COPC. Neither the board members nor the NMSAC receive any compensation for their services. COPC is headquartered in Portland, Oregon.

The COPC states that their mission is, "... to improve the interaction and cooperation between police, community, and government, to promote the development of community-based partnerships and problem solving to. prevent crime, reduce the fear of crime, and enhance the quality of life throughout the region". In order to accomplish these goals, COPC sponsors State Advisory Councils (SAC) as a method to aid the various states to implement Community Oriented Policing-Problem Solving (COP-PS) programs within the local communities. These programs will be conducted under the supervision of the local police and community members.

Each local program will provide organization and leadership in assessing community needs, and NMSAC will help in establishing training for the individual, local programs. Some of the training programs that may be useful to the communities are Community policing Teams Training, Tribal Community Policing Team Training, Problem Solving Teams Training, Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED), Community Teams for Homeland Security, Tribal Teams for Homeland Security, and three courses in Ethics and Integrity. This course may be requested from NMSAC.

During the meeting, a ranking member of the NMSP presented

a talk on terrorism with accompanying slides and printed literature. Two points that he made are that we must become more security conscious and we must not divulge any information that could be used against any individual or target. There is a statement in the December 22, 2003 issue of *U.S News and World Report* that we should take to our hearts, ".... We will have to face the reality that terrorists may become armed with technologies that literally permit them to wage a world war... there will be no warning from those who hide in the dark, intent on inflicting death on thousands, perhaps hundreds of thousands, irrespective race, religion, or creed". These words chilled me to the bone. We must all remember that which has been said before, "Eternal vigilance is the price of freedom".

In the near future, NMSAC will be contacting the various jurisdictions in New Mexico concerning future training to move forward with COP-PS. Stay tuned.

#### A PROGRAM ABOUT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

As part of their ongoing educational activities, **The Albuquerque Block Captains Association** will present a panel discussion, concerning domestic violence, during their 20th Annual Spring Conference. Four local speakers will be on the panel: Trish Ahrensfield, sworn APD Police Officer who is the Assistant Public Relations Officer and the Public Relations Coordinator for APD; Shannon Enright-Smith, Executive Director of Resource Inc.; Steve Sink, Crime Prevention Director for APD and Diana O'Dell, Vice President of the Albuquerque Block Captains Association.

The panel will meet at 9 a.m., Sunday, March 21, 2004 at the Roger A. Hoisington Memorial Training Academy at 5412 Second Street NW (south of Montano, behind the APD Valley substation).

The panel will discuss many different aspects of domestic violence including crimes against family members, failure to perform parental duties, and how people may get help to prevent further abuses.

**This program is open to the public**. There are no fees for this program.

#### **Albuquerque Human Rights Office**

## ATTENTION LANDLORDS HOUSING DISCRIMINATION IS AGAINST THE LAW

If you are a housing provider, it is your duty to understand and practice Fair Housing. If you need more information about our training and outreach programs, please contact:

Albuquerque Human RIghts Office 600 Second St. NW Plaza del Sol Building, Fifth Floor – Suite 520 Albuquerque, New Mexico 87102

Voice: (505) 924-3380 NM Relay: 1-800-659-8331

#### Neighborhood News February/March 2004



Council staff may be reached at **768-3100**. The agenda for an upcoming council meeting may be checked by calling **768-3100** after 1 p.m. on the Friday immediately prior to the council meeting. The City Council's fax number is **768-3227**. Agendas, Action Items and Summaries are are available on the Council's webpage at **<www.cabq.gov/council/counsched.html>**.

Your City Councilors (left to right, back row): Miguel Gomez, District 1; Tina Cummins, District 9; Martin Heinrich, District 6; Craig Loy, District 8; Sally Mayer, District 7; Debbie O'Malley, District 2; (left to right, front row): Brad Winter, District 4; Michael Cadigan, District 5, President; Eric Griego, District 3, Vice President.

Following is a list of the FY/05 City Council and Committee-of-the-Whole meetings that will involve deliberation on Enterprise Fund and General Fund budgets.

#### March 1

5:00 p.m. City Council meeting – Enterprise Fund budget introduced to Council

#### March 25

5:00 p.m. C.O.W. – Public Hearing #1 on Enterprise Fund

#### April 5

5:00 p.m. City Council meeting – General Fund budget introduced to Council (receipt required on April 1)

#### April 15

3:00 C.O.W. – Public Hearing #2 on Enterprise Fund - Mark-up. Any Committee Substitutes/Amendments must be distributed prior to the meeting. No public comment at this meeting.

#### April 19

5:00 p.m. City Council meeting – Final adoption of Enterprise Fund budget. Any Floor Substitutes must be distributed 24 hours prior to the meeting and any amendments must be distributed prior to the meeting.

#### April 22

5:00 p.m. C.O.W. – Public Hearing #1 on General Fund budget. The goals to be covered include Human and Family Development, Public Safety, Economic Vitality, and Community and Cultural Engagement (social goals).

#### May 6

5:00 p.m. C.O.W. – Public Hearing #2 on General Fund budget. The goals to be covered include Public Infrastructure, Sustainable Community Development, Environmental Protection and Enhancement, and Governmental Excellence and Effectiveness (physical goals).

#### **May 13**

3:00 p.m. C.O.W. – Public Hearing #3 on General Fund budget – Mark up. Any Committee Substitutes/Amendments must be distributed prior to the meeting. No public comment at this meeting.

#### **May 17**

5:00 p.m. City Council meeting – Final adoption of General Fund budget. Any Floor Substitutes must be distributed 24 hours prior to the meeting and any amendments must be distributed prior to the meeting.

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Monday, February 23 •City Council – 5 p.m.	Monday, March 1 •City Council – 5 p.m.	Thursday, March 11 •GWPB – 8:30 a.m.	Monday, March 22 •City Council – 5 p.m.
Tuesday, February 24 •BOA – 9 a.m.	Wednesday, March 3 •DRB – 9 a.m.	•POC – 4 p.m  Monday, March 15	Tuesday, March 23 •BOA – 9 a.m.
Wednesday, February 25	•ACTMI – 9:30 a.m. •Westside Coalition	•City Council – 5 p.m.	<b>Wednesday, March 24</b> •DRB – 9 a.m.
•DRB – 9 a.m. •EPC <b>Pre-Hearing</b>	-7 p.m.  Thursday, March 4	<b>Tuesday, March 16</b> •GARTC – 4:30 p.m.	Thursday, March 26 •District 8 Coalition
– 1:30 p.m.	<ul> <li>District 7 Coalition</li> <li>7 p.m.</li> <li>North Valley</li> <li>Coalition – 7 p.m.</li> </ul>	Wednesday, March 17  •DRB – 9 a.m.  •ADC – 3 p.m.	-7 p.m.  Wednesday, March 31  •DRB – 9 a.m.
	Monday, March 8 •GABAC – 4:30 p.m. •SWAN – 6:30 p.m.	•District 4 Coalition – 7 p.m.	rict 4 Coalition m.  Thursday, March 18
	Tuesday, March 9 •ZHE – 9 a.m.	March 18 •EPC – 8:30 a.m.	
	Wednesday, March 10  •DRB − 9 a.m.  •LUCC − 3 p.m.  •AQCB − 5:15 p.m.  •TAB − 7 p.m.		

#### ~Happenings Around Albuquerque~

•"Celebrate Arbor Day at the Old Town Boys and Girls Club" The public is invited to join in the celebration of the official State of New Mexico "Arbor Day" on Friday, March 12, 2003 from 11:00 to Noon and from 4-5 p.m. at the Old Town Boys and Girls Club at 501 Main Street (Mountain & Rio Grande), Albuquerque. Keep New Mexico Beautiful, Inc. has selected the Old Town Club site because of the Clubs' dedication to educating the children about environmental preservation and for their recent beautification initiatives. Call Ellen at 505-881-0777, ext. 18 for more information.

•Coleman Gallery Contemporary Art, Nob Hill Art Complex, 3812 Central Avenue SE 100A, Albuquerque, NM 87108 February 1, 2004; Exhibition Title: Interplay, Exhibition Artists: Barbara Bock, Ronald Evans, Clark Waterman, Exhibition Dates<sup>2</sup>: March 5 - 27, 2004, Exhibition Reception: Friday, March 5, 5 - 7:30 p.m.; (A Nob Hill Art Complex 1st Friday)



Reception) Refreshments and live music by Harpist Michele Buchanan, **Gallery Hours**: Tuesday - Saturday 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Barbara Bock-Geometric line drawings on black paper; Ron Evans-Low-relief, abstract, paper collages; Clark Waterman-Photographs: The Himalayan Series. For more information, call **505-232-0224** or visit on line at **<www.colemancontemporary.com>**.

•The Albuquerque Museum, 2000 Mountain Road NW. *Capture the Moment* is the largest and most comprehensive exhibition of Pulitzer Prize winning photographs in the United States featuring more than 124 prize-winning images. First seen in newspapers, these images span the years from 1941 to present presenting a powerful snapshot of some of the most memorable moments in history. On display through April 18, 2004. Docent-guided tours of *Capture the Moment* are offered Tuesday - Sunday at 2 p.m. Free with museum admission. Capture the Moment Documentary Film Series - Free with Museum admission. Friday, February 20 & Saturday, February 21. 1 p.m. – *Photography Transformed*, 1960-1999 (60 min.) 2 p.m. – *National Geographic: The Photographers* (55 min.). Open Tues. - Sun., 9-5 p.m. For more information call, 505-243-7255 voice/relay; or visit the museum on line at <www.cabq.gov/museum>.